

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Dave Moreau, Mark Spears, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Meeting began at 6:25pm

Minutes:

Rick made the motion to approve the December 2, 2015 meeting minutes. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Field Lining:

In the past, the fields have been lined by Michael Brophy. Michael is currently living out of state and is unable to continue with lining the fields. This past season, Michael did put down the first lines and then Jared Davis was able to continue for the remainder of the season. Going forward, recreation will need to organize volunteers or hire someone to line the fields. Once we have a plan in place, we will need someone to manage the field lining schedule with various sport organizations.

Rick contacted CCHS looking for students who may need community service hours. Dave indicated most students complete their community service by freshmen year and usually sophomore year at the latest. The other issue with high school students is that they are unable to drive to the fields. Rick talked with Margaret Heigl about middle school children that might be interested in assisting with the field lining. Holly mentioned talking with Angela Smith from the COA about hiring a senior through the Senior Tax Rebate Program. Holly will follow up with Angela this week as we hope to have a plan in place by the spring.

Field Study:

A significant amount of editing had to be done to the draft report. David Freedman is working with Gale Associates regarding the necessary changes. Once the changes are made, Gale Associates will provide a final report. The field study should be complete by March.

Long-term Recreation Plan:

Rick met with Vanessa Moroney to discuss the need for fields and field maintenance. Rick suggested to Vanessa that a committee should be organized to include various members of the community (Recreation, School, Council on Aging, etc) to prioritize field needs and then present ideas to the Board of Selectman.

Home Run Fencing:

Baseball and Softball proposed home run fencing. This would be a temporary fence for the 50x70 field. The fence would have be put up on Friday and taken down on Sunday. The major value of the home run fence is for safety of the players and field demarcation. However, this would reduce the number of fields that could be set up on the fields. Mark is concerned with who will be responsible for putting up the fence and taking it down. Mark feels we will need to hire someone to take on this task. Rick plans to continue this discussion at the Fields Meeting tentatively scheduled for January 13th.

Playground Maintenance:

Diment Park is in need of more surface woodchips. There should be enough funds in the maintenance budget to cover the cost. Holly will get pricing for the woodchips and we can arrange for a delivery in the spring. We will need volunteers to spread the woodchips.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.